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In Memory

Rev. Robert Falk. 84 years of age, of Independence, Kansas, died in a hospital there on November 25. Mr. Falk served an 18-month pastorate at our church at Independence and had lived there since his retirement in 1945. He was born in Liverpool, England and came to the United States in 1911 locating in Wisconsin. Surviving is Mrs. Falk of the home, 913 W. Cottonwood and four married children—two daughters and two sons.

Dr. Phillip C. King, former President of Washburn College died in New York City on December 14 at the age of 73. Dr. King was president in Topeka from 1931-1940 and has since made his home in N.Y. City where he has been associated with a fund raising organization. As the administrator of Washburn during the dark days of the depression, he was highly respected for his courageous leadership.

He was ordained to the Congregational Ministry in 1915 and maintained his ministerial standing in Eastern Association and his church membership in First Congregational Church, Topeka, until his death. His son Arno M. King of Washington, D.C., and his daughter Barbara Lee King of New York City were in Topeka for graveside services conducted by the Rev. Roy Hanson on December 17.

Mrs. Bernice Baur, wife of the Rev. Karl Baur died December 14 following a long illness. The Baurs served E&R churches in Kansas before moving recently to Lexington, Missouri. Mrs. Baur was an outstanding worker with children and gave leadership to a C. E. Workshop at Topeka Central during the summer of 1959.

These Have Voted

In favor of the constitution of the United Church:

Almena, Anthony, Athol, Carbondale, Downs, Ellis, Garden City, Gorham, Great Bend, Haven, KC First Pilgrim, KC Rosedale, KC Ruby, KC Welborn, Kiowa, Leavenworth, Lenora, Maple Hill, Osborne, Prairie Village, Russell, Sabetha, Seneca, Smith Center, Stanley, Tonganoxie Topeka Central, Topeka Seabrook, Udall, Whitewater, and Wichita Concord.

Against: Lincoln, Olive Hill, Wichita Plymouth.

Total votes to date are:

For	787
Against	41

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To Buck Hill Falls

Attending the Mid-Winter Meetings at Buck Hill Falls January 24-February 1, will be Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gunn, Mr. Orval Reeves, Mrs. Carl Georgeson and Mr. Al Miville. Also the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, part-time.

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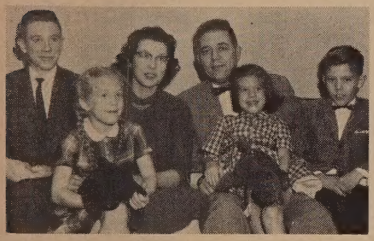
KEEPING THE CHRISTMAS GLOW

As their Christmas Greeting, the **Rev. and Mrs. Wilbert E. Dull** shared Winfield's "The Magic Season" with their friends. From it these lines: "Somehow the Magic Season brings back for a brief time what once we had and failed to appreciate. It relights minds that have come to know the market value of so much and the spiritual value of so little."



Pictured above is our Conference Moderator, the **Rev. Julian Johnson** of Manhattan with Marjorie and their four children - Paul, Mark, Barbara and Anne. During the holidays they extended the warm hospitality of their home to many foreign students.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren Matthews of Topeka First, announce the arrival of Christopher Warren on December 9 - a happy, healthy baby boy.

The Millard Marshalls of Onaga and Wheaton visited their only grandchild in Portland, Oregon this summer, Paul, son of their daughter Laurel. Their son Bill is teaching again at Greensburg, Kansas after earning his Master's Degree this summer, but is being called back with the Navy in June. Their youngest, Elaine is at Emporia State.

The **Marlatts** of Haven report that December 11 was about the longest Sunday they ever spent. A snow and ice storm broke trees and power lines so there was no electricity and it was impossible to have church. They love the people in the church and community at Haven.

The **Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes,** formerly of Kansas, was married on January first to Mrs. Hubert G. Holmes, Director of Youth Work in Park Church, Grand Rapids. Mr. Hughes is Associate Minister at Park.

The **Rev. Charles A. Riley** of Kansas City First Pilgrim, former Minister of the Chelsea Church in Kansas City, celebrated his 98th birthday December 15. He signed and sent Christmas greetings to friends.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt purchased a house in Haven last spring where J. D. enjoys garden space and a workshop. Adra is still teaching kindergarten with 44 children this year.

Christmas found the **Rev. and Mrs. Steve Williams** family of Emporia happy and in good health. Dick is in Medical School in Dallas, Don in Emporia State, young Steve in high school and Rosalind, a 6th grader. Big Steve was a welcome caller at the Conference Office after Christmas and he looks fine.

The Turners—Dale, Leone, the 4 boys and Gretta happily at home in Seattle. Greg, a Freshman at the University of Kansas was home for Christmas.

Wedding bells rang for **Hamlin Miller,** Vice Chairman of Eastern Association laymen, on Dec. 18 when he was married in the Central Church sanctuary to Miss Evelyn Long. Mr. Miller is a student at Washburn University and plans later to enroll at Bangor Theological Seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Kruse with daughters Thelma and Linda were very much the center of activities at Carbondale. On December 18 two youth choirs wore new robes for the first time.

Rev. and Mrs. Hans Poppe, Tanis and Mark send greetings from Sioux Falls, S.D. They have 151 members in the new church now and plan to see their first unit completed in 1961.

Robin Hanson, with her auburn hair and cheery smile, made Christmas meaningful for her parents, Roy and Jean of Topeka First. Early in December Mr. Hanson attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches in San Francisco.

The **George Fisks** of Rapid City, S.D., send a picture of the chancel of their new church dedicated early in 1960. The Ray Joneses who saw it last summer say that it is beautiful in its simplicity of design and functional arrangement.

Rev. Sadaichi Asai of Partridge reminds us that Kansas is an Indian word meaning "swift wind". To escape the Kansas heat last summer they tented in the Colorado mountains and almost froze.

Highlights in the **Hepler** family of Huron, S.D., include two graduations in June, '61 when Helen (Mrs. Hepler) will graduate from Huron College and Lucinda will graduate from Huron High School.

From a parishioner at **Tonganoxie:** "Our Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Lipe are wonderful and doing a magnificient job here. Church is nearly full every Sunday."

The Gordon Joneses of Wichita write of Norky, his wife and baby daughter Patti who are living at Glendive, Montana, and of Sally who is becoming a talented pianist. Gordon is very happy in his new work as Personnel Director of Henry's, Inc.

In a very meaningful Family Service at **Ellis** on Christmas Day, Jan Alison, four-month old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gurtler was baptized by her grandfather, Dr. L. M. Rymph.

Pictured are the **Bob Dewey** children—3 girls and a boy. The Deweys had made plans to go to Ghana, but the situation there became too uncertain and too complicated for their family and they had to give it up. They are presently doing interim work at Garden City, New York.

Elizabeth, Jim and Jane **Bagley** proudly present their new baby sister Elaine, born Nov. 27. All are children of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Bagley of our Manhattan church.

The Kansas City First Pilgrim parsonage, home of **Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Ediger** and Marwood, was the center of warm holiday fellowship. On Dec. 19, C. C. ministers and wives gathered for a dinner honoring Rev. and Mrs. Robert Rymph before their move to Salina. On New Years' Day, Edigers held Open House for members and friends.

From the Bryn Mawr parsonage in Chicago, the **Ray Joneses** tell of their wonderful two month trip last summer visiting friends and places from Chicago to California, to Seattle and back.

Elmer and Edith Erickson of Edgemont, S.D. find their 3 sons and 10 grandchildren scattered from Eugene, Oregon, to Casper, Wyoming, to Haslett, Michigan. They spent Christmas in Casper.

The **Levi Zimmerman** Christmas card was a beautiful silver reproduction of "Praying Hands." Mrs. Zimmerman who was critically ill this fall was able to attend the Concord dedication with Mr. Zimmerman in November.

The **Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Ned Burr McKenney** made a holiday announcement of the engagement of their daughter Mary to Gerald Churchill Gray. Mr. Gray, a graduate of Grinnell College now studying for his Master's degree at Stanford was a guest in Topeka over Christmas. Mary is a sophomore at Grinnell. A summer wedding is planned.

The **Fred Smiths** of LaGuna Beach wrote: "We move along placidly finding joy in doing this and that, unaccompanied by howling blizzards and sub-zero weather. Meanwhile with the Pope calling an ecumenical council, with Kennedy our first Catholic president and with Smith typing letters to the 150% Congregationalists to beware lest their Congregationalism get in the way of their Christianity, all signs point to something that may emerge into greater Christian unity of spirit and purpose."

Toward the end of the prose-poetry chronicle of **Floyd and Esther Davidson** of Topeka Seabrook, these lines appear:

"Now don't count the meter in this long verse,
For you will find it gets worse and worse."

A most interesting accounting of their 3 sons and wives, 13 grandchildren, their church and work in the larger fellowship.

Ray and Mamie Hayter, long time friends and devoted members of our Anthony Church, pictured below.

Mrs. Willard Morgan, treasurer of our **Wabaunsee Church,** writes of nine children and 26 grandchildren. Only one son at home; their youngest son is attending the University of Mexico on a scholarship; a son-in-law is a minister in California. Mrs. Morgan, a talented church leader, is a Negro, as are almost half the attendants of our Wabaunsee Church. For the past 3 years the Rev. Ray Klasing of the Alma E&R church has ministered to this church with an early service each Sunday. He began leadership January first at Salem E&R church in Wichita. Mr. Douglas Gunn, a student at Kansas State is presently supplying at Wabaunsee, the 103 year old church known as the "Beecher Bible and Rifle Church."

From Pleasant Hill, Tenn., **Paul and Charlotte Reynolds** write: "Here we find work in which we are constantly grateful. Our guest house, 'Shu-Lin-She' (Cottage by the wood) is ready and eager to welcome all who come this way."

The **Carl Georgesons** of Lenora announce the arrival of a new grandson on Thanksgiving. Richard, Jr., son of Captain and Mrs. Richard Georgeson of Omaha, making a half-dozen grandchildren - 4 in Omaha and 2 in Lawrence.

Mark and Leigh Bryant, children of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Bryant, formerly of Lawrence, now in the Manhasset Church in N.Y., pictured here.

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"Something New"

The Conference Staff, following a plan which has been used successfully in other states, held an Orientation Meeting at the Conference office for ministers new to Kansas churches, or new to our fellowship on January 16. The purpose of the day together was to acquaint the new leaders with the information and services available thru the conference office and to find out about needs not now being met.

Assisting the staff in the interpretation were the Rev. Julian Johnson, Miss Alice Huggins, Mrs. Carl Georgeson and the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney.

Attending were the Reverend Messrs: Lumpkins, Bressler, Turpin, Shinn, Ediger, Biays, Stoneback, Aeschliman, Ron Smith, Kroenlein, Hathaway, Anderson, Booth, Lipe, Croskery, Matthews, Sutton, DaMetz, Dahm and Hickerson.

To Puerto Rico

The Rev. O. T. Meador of Stockton left Kansas by plane on New Year's Day to join a party of 15 in N.Y. City. Sponsored by the Home Board and led by Dr. Walter Giersbach, the group spent January 4-14 in Puerto Rico, Jamaica and the Virgin Islands.

Washburn Convocation

At proof reading time we learned that Dr. Philip Jacob, special guest for these sessions, had undergone a serious operation and cannot be present. At this writing Dr. Merton French of Washburn has not secured other leadership, but he is working on it.

Dr. Gerald J. Jud, featured in the November issue will present and lead discussions on "The Renewal of the Church." Chairman of the committee and Moderator is the Rev. Marvin Ediger, Chaplain is the Rev. O. T. Meador and Treasurer is Rev. Steve Williams.

The Monday evening dinner at First Church with Dr. Warren Matthews, presiding will feature music by First Church Men's Quartet. Tuesday evening dinner will be with the men of Central with music by the Rev. Ernest Huntzinger and a talk by Dr. Jud.

New men in the state attending the annual Convocation often report that they get better acquainted in these three days than they otherwise would in three years. As has been the pattern for the past 22 years, some 25 out-of-town ministers will be housed at the State Parsonage.

State Conference - 1961

A change has been made in the meeting place for our 1961 State Conference session. At the meeting in April and during the summer no invitations were forthcoming. So before the Conference Directory went to press our Great Bend Church very graciously offered to entertain the sessions for a second year. This was greatly appreciated and was announced in the directory.

Since that time Plymouth Church at Lawrence has given consideration to hosting the Conference, and has invited the meeting there. With Great Bend's approval the Board of Trustees voted to accept the Lawrence invitation.

The dates are April 28, 29 and 30. The place is Plymouth Church, Lawrence where the Centennial Conference was held in 1954.

Mark your calendars!

Do Christians Care More For Form Than Reality?

By Mrs. Olive Garvey

To the Editor:

The answer to your question, "Can Protestants Unite?" (Morning Eagle editorial, December 6) probably depends on whether the majority of Christians are more devoted to perpetuating man-made traditions and forms than they are to the destiny of Christianity in the world. If Communism were divided into 255 plus sects, the free world would have nothing to fear.

A missionary statesman who was a power in Johannesburg for half a century says the greatest single obstacle to Christianity in Africa is denominationalism.

A visiting official from one of the the developing countries gives his testimony. Wanting his daughters to have a western education, he sent the eldest to a mission school. When his second daughter was ready there was no room in that school so he sent her to school at another mission. He says his home was turned into a shambles by the arguments and quarreling over which mission and its forms represented the real Christianity.

In the December issue of Reader's Digest, from a cutting from a forthcoming "Gift from the African Heart" by Elizabeth Bowe (not a missionary book) the following is taken:

"Duana, a native Moslem, threw back his head and laughed - 'What it means to be Christian? Mission group in other village tell people only they know best way to be Christian. Black men go to different villages and wonder which preacher have right answer. I do not know how black man gonna believe like white man if white man don't agree on what they believe.' "

An exchange student from Japan, now at Wichita University, when asked about the future of democracy in Japan said: "Democracy has to be based on Christianity. My country is only 1% Christian. It has a long way to go."

What percentage of Christians with vision and self-sacrifice have we in America? On this one factor may depend the future of our own democracy.

(from Wichita Eagle, Dec. 13, 1960)

General Synod Delegates

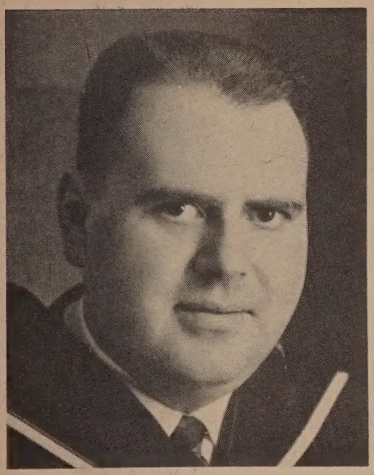
The Kansas Conference is entitled to six delegates to the General Synod to be held in Philadelphia July 3-7. The following delegates at large were named by a committee appointed by the Conference Board of Trustees: Dr. Ned Burr McKenney of Topeka Central; Mr. Al Miville of Wichita Concord and Mrs. Ralph Ewing of Russell.

The Association delegates are: Rev. W. Dieter Flemming, Rev. A. H. Bartter and Mr. Carl Georgeson.

Is Your Name Written There?

A final Honor Roll for churches that have pledged or paid the major portion of their share for the Christian Higher Education Fund will be published by our National office the last of January. To date $5,500,000.00 of the $7,500,000.00 has been pledged or paid and it is hoped that the total amount will be underwritten by January 31, 1961.

To date 60 Kansas churches have signed declarations or paid a major portion of their share toward this program which becomes more urgent with each passing day. This leaves only about 10 active churches that have not responded. Is your church one of these ten?



Rev. Jay C. Dahm

Minister Of Education

The Rev. Jay C. Dahm of McGregor, Iowa begins leadership on January 15 as Minister of Education at Central Church in Topeka. Mr. Dahm holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Chicago Music College and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary. He comes to Topeka from McGregor, Iowa where he has been pastor of the First Congregational Church. He is married but has no children.

Ruby Avenue Calls Cutting

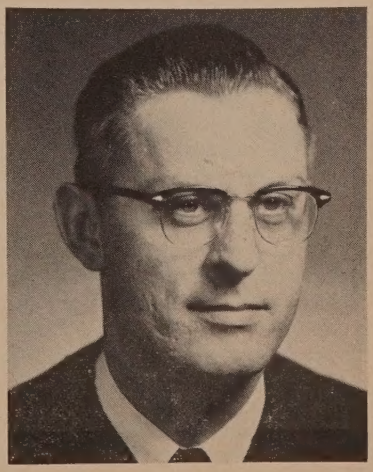
On January first the Rev. David Cutting of Andover Newton Seminary candidated at Ruby Avenue Congregational Church and the following Wednesday was given a call to begin leadership there June first.

Dave is a Kansas product. He grew up in our Lenora Church and has been active in Wa-Shun-Ga camps since his Junior Hi days, first as a camper and later as a counselor. He is a graduate of Doane College; he spent the summer of 1955 at an ecumenical Work Camp in Sheffield, England and studied the following year at St. Andrews, Scotland. He will finish his resident work at Andover Newton in June and receive his B.D. degree after one year of parish work. Mrs. Cutting is studying toward a Master's in Religious Education at Andover Newton. Dave is well known at Ruby, having spent parts of two summers there doing Student Summer Service.

The Bob Rymphs moved to Salina in late December. In the interim the pulpit will be filled by the Rev. Donald Houts.

E & R Minister to Leavenworth

The Rev. Leroy Klemm of Seguin, Texas has been called to Pilgrim United Church at Leavenworth and will begin leadership there February first. Mr. Klemm is a graduate of the University of Denver and Eden Theological Seminary. The Klemms have two sons—Leroy, 9 years and John Paul - 5.



Rev. Leroy Klemm

Think Of It!

"Visualize a line starting from your front door, made up of hungry of the world - many ragged and disease-ravaged, with pinched faces.

"The line goes on out of sight over continent and ocean, around the world - 25,000 miles - and returns to your front door.

"On and on it stretches, circling the globe not twice, not five times, but twenty-five, and there is no one in the line but hungry, suffering humanity . . .

"If you drove ten hours a day, averaging fifty miles an hour, it would take you three and a half years to cover the length of the present line. What is more, as populations increase, this line is expanding over twenty miles a day."

by Donald K. Faris

One Great Hour - 1961

January is not too early for churches to start planning for the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal in March. To provide for more adequate Annuities the apportionment ratios have been changed. The Service Committee as a consequence will need to receive $100,000.00 more from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on March 12th, 1961 in order to maintain its budget at its current level according to Rev. Kenneth B. Anthony, Executive Secretary of The Service Committee.

At present 1570 Congregational Christian churches participate in the offering. This is about a third of the congregations in our fellowship. It is believed that many more will take part if they know how vital this is to the work of the Service Committee.

Often churches that do participate do it without much planning or effort. One large church tripled its giving in a single year by suggesting that families give during Lent the equivalent of a day's pay. Another church with an excellent record for One Great Hour integrates the appeal with a total Lenten program that stresses witness, study, prayer and sacrifice.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Roscoe W. Graves, President

Doane Conference-Retreat

When: June 10-13, 1961
Where: Crete, Nebr. Doane College
What: Doane-Conference-Retreat
Cost: $15.00
Special Guest Leaders:
Lillian Gregory, Exec. Secretary National Women's Fellowship
Florence Partridge, Exec. Secretary, E&R Women's Guild.

Our 1961 CC Women's Fellowship Retreat is to be a Pilot Project with our E&R women, June 10-13 at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska.

This is being planned by a combined committee to meet our needs in this area, using our 1961 program theme, "Creating and Renewing the Church". There will be eight workshops or classes, lectures with talk-it-over periods, vespers, and wonderful fellowship.

The registration fee is the same as last year, $15.00 and we will use both dormitories at Doane. However, PLAN to send your fellowship's registration list in EARLY because we expect a capacity attendance.

Watch Congregational Kansas for more information on our Doane Conference-Retreat, June 10-13.

Henrietta Lockwood (Mrs. J. L)
Kansas Retreat Chairman

Memorial Month

In February, Women's Fellowships across the state honor members who have passed away during the past year, not only with loving memorial services, but with dedicated love and offerings. Send your Memorial Gifts to Mrs. A. H. Bartter, Secretary, 405 E. 9th, Newton, Kansas.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Daisy Malcolm
Mrs. Bessie Williams
By Almena Fellowship

Mrs. Harold Cone
By Topeka Central Fellowship

Mrs. Emma Jane Harwood
By Lawrence Fellowship

Mrs. Chas. M. Good
By Hutchinson Fellowship

Mrs. H. L. Peppmeyer
By Topeka First Fellowship

Miss Harriett Forbes
By Ottawa Fellowship

Study Themes — 1961-62
World Theme - "The Christian Mission in Latin American Countries"
Home Theme - "Churches for New Times".

The Gordon Lancasters of Mobile, Alabama are still taking in the sights and scenes, but the welcome news is that they return to Kansas this summer.

February 17, 1961
75th Anniversary
World Day of Prayer

Christian Education Items

Cancellation

We are very sorry to report that due to the very small advance registration for the C. E. Workshop scheduled for Russell, November 14-17, it was cancelled. It did not seem fair to ask two National leaders to travel great distances and give four days of their time. We do want to thank the Russell Church, the National and State leaders who prepared for the sessions and the people who did register. We are sorry the Workshop could not be held.

ATTENTION
Vacation Church School Leaders

Administrative Clinics for Directors, C. E. Chairmen and Pastors, sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches, will be held February 7-10 in churches across the state.

Departmental Clinics for teachers will be held March 14-17 and 21-24.

Programs will be sent out to ministers and church school leaders. Be sure to take advantage of the clinics in your area.

Laboratory School

June 25-30, 1961, the Kansas Council of Churches is sponsoring a Laboratory School at the College of Emporia. One section of the school will be for local church school teachers, and another section will be for prospective laboratory school instructors. Many of our churches should make it possible for one or more teachers to attend. This is a type of deep level training which is possible only thru interdenominational cooperation. Don't miss this opportunity. More information later.

Leadership Training

Our Seneca Church hosted the four-week Nemaha County Training School on January 8. The Rev. G. Waldo Crippen and Mrs. Kenneth Martin were among the instructors.

Mrs. Carl Georgeson
Reporting

Deep Appreciation

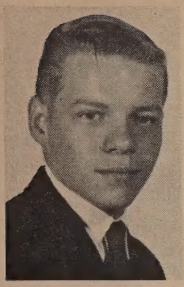
A gift through the Conference Office made possible the purchase of tile for the cement sanctuary floor at Mayflower Church in Wichita. It has been heart-warming to receive a half-dozen letters of appreciation from members of the church who helped lay the tile early in December. We quote from one: "We opened our all-church work night with prayer by Pastor Anderson. Our choir director led us in song and we asked the Lord's blessing both for our benefactors and our evening's work. The job went well and please thank our friends in the Conference for this wonderful improvement." This is part of Our Christian World Mission in Kansas.

Paid In Full

The lots on which Topeka Seabrook Church stands were purchased with a loan from the Kansas Conference made in 1954. During the last three years the church has been making payments on this debt and the final $1,000.00 was paid in late November. Many thanks Seabrook! Your repayment has made possible other loans to Wichita Concord and Salina.

Damaging Fire

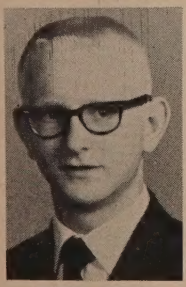
The Church Center at 327 Topeka Blvd., in the capitol city was badly damaged by fire the last of November. Hence the offices of the Kansas Council, Topeka Council and CROP are at 835 Western Avenue.



Bobby Hopkins

Roberta Bell

Linda Gurtler



Willie Dunlap

Dear Fellow P.F.ers:

I hope each local group has well laid plans for **Youth Week January 29-February 5.** The theme this year is "Into All The World Together." What emphasis could be more fitting for our troubled world?

Many groups will have complete charge of the Morning Service on January 29. If your group has this privilege - make the most of it. Study and take counsel as to where we fit into the present world situation. If you do not have the entire service, be sure to help where you can. If there is an interdenominational group in your community, try to do something together during the week or on Sunday February 5. Learn the meaning of real fellowship.

And may I remind you to send in your Work Day for Christ offering if you have not done so, and be sure to make and pay a Christian Action pledge. Our goal this year is the largest ever, but so are the needs. Every one must help.

Your in Christian Fellowship,
Jerry Adkins, President

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Bobby Hopkins—President of Western
Roberta Bell—State Faith Chairman
Linda Gurtler—Western Fellowship Chairman
Willie Dunlap—Southern President

FELLOWSHIP FINDINGS

Anne Dedrick, former P.F.'er and now a Doane Student was married at Pilgrim Church in Wichita on December 30 . . . Mary K. Wurzbacher, also a former P.F.er, from Sabetha, was married at the First Congregational Church in Greeley during the holidays . . . Sibyl Riekenberg, former State P.F. Secretary plans a summer marriage to Clifton W. Kerr who is a Senior at Eden Theological Seminary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Page Twiss of Manhattan announce the arrival of a baby girl in late November . . . Great Bend PFers were holiday hosts to a number of students from foreign countries . . . Centralia Pilgrims sponsored the showing of the film of Dickens, "Christmas Carol" preceding their annual caroling party. **Rallies:** Western Rally will be at Garden City, January 27 and 28 . . . Southern Rally will be at Emporia, February 11 and 12 . . . Eastern Rally will be at KC Welborn, March 17 and 18.

The **Dan Hopkins** family of Garden City send this picture of Marcelo Huergo, a student from Argentina who is sharing their home for a year.

Roscoe and Myrtle Graves of Emporia write that after 12 weeks of rest and quiet, Myrtle is much improved. She planned to attend church for the first time on Christmas Day.

At McPherson. following a sermon by the Rev. George Stoneback on "Whose Birthday" the children voted to give a penny for each year - $19.60 to buy gifts for the children in families receiving Christmas baskets. The Junior Hi PF made candy and cookies which they delivered as they sang carols to the "home-bound".

Mrs. John (Lora) Jones of Mayflower Home at Grinnell writes that she is getting out some after her hospital stay in September followed by two months in her apartment. Our best wishes to her in 1961.

Waldo and Myra Crippen write of complete redecoration of the parsonage at Seneca with men of the church giving volunteer evening hours of labor.

A New Year's eve family celebration at our **Great Bend** church included games and fun for everyone until 11:30 when a Watch Night Service was held in the sanctuary. This was followed by a "snack" in Fellowship Hall.

A White Christmas Offering at **Wichita Fairmount** totalled $330.40 and was allocated to eight mission projects at home and abroad. The exterior of the church has recently been painted white. On New Year's Day the Croskerys held Open House at the Brown Manse.

Mrs. C. O. Swanson, 89 year old church school and community leader of our Manhattan church, gave the Christmas broadcast for the American Association of University women on December 14 for the 17th year.

Dr. and Mrs. David Stowe of the American Board send Christmas reflections with the text, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." His name, David Ware, born Nov. 13. Needless to say three older sisters, Nancy—14, Elizabeth—12, and Priscilla—7, are proud little mothers.

Rev. and Mrs. Max DaMetz and family write: "The people of Udall have most graciously welcomed us in their midst." Max is enrolled in Southwestern at Winfield.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Christiansen and three boys write from the parsonage of Fairlawn E&R church in Topeka. They held Open House at the parsonage on New Year's Day.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Tully and Steven send greetings from Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

The Paxton Smiths of Independence with their daughter Sylvia—a Senior at S.M.U., spent Christmas in Seattle with their twin sons and their families—3 grandchildren. Rev. Paxton Smith began his 10th year at Independence in November.

At the end of the year the **Rev. A. A. VanSickle** closed a very remarkable two-year interim ministry at Osborne United Church. During the week following Christmas, the Rev. Robert Baker and family of Leavenworth moved to Osborne to begin leadership there.

Rev. Christian G. Nelson of Norton expresses gratitude for seven happy years doing interim work. His latest service was to our Lenora Church before the Rev. Kroenlein arrived in September.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Brewster, formerly of Manhattan and more recently of Yankton, S.D., are living in Portsmouth, N.H. Highlights of their year include the arrival of Martha Elizabeth—their first grandchild—in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Michael Miller (Debbie) of Baltimore, and the graduation of son John from Yale.

Gaylord, thru Mrs. Leota Horning, reports a lovely Christmas cantata presented on December 18 with both Rev. and Mrs. Turpin taking part.

Christmas Workshops were held in many of our churches, but Gorham and Russell report very happy and worthwhile programs with entire families having fun with creative projects. At Gorham Christmas wreaths were made and at Russell they joined in making Christmas centerpieces.

The Paul Heide Family of Wichita Plymouth had fun concealing messages of love and appreciation for each other in walnut shells, glued shut and gilded for tree ornaments.

Resignations

The Rev. W. S. Stevenson who has served our Council Grove Church for the past seven years, has resigned to retire on January 31. Both he and Mrs. Stevenson will be greatly missed in Council Grove and in our Kansas fellowship. They will make their home in Colorado where their son Schuyler is in college.

Dr. Elmer Kirkpatrick, pastor at Mount Hope for more than three years, resigned on January first to retire. Before going to Mt. Hope he served Dover Federated Church for more than four years. Dr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have been greatly loved during more than 50 years in the ministry. They have carried on far beyond the normal retirement time and are deserving of some well-earned leisure. Sup't. Rymph preached at Mt. Hope on January 8 and met with the group for the consideration of new leadership.

Thanks To Everett Cowan

The compilations of messages and pictures highlighting the September Laymen's Workshop at Great Bend, is a master-piece. With the help of Rev. Clifton Kruse, typist, Everett put this out as a labor of love and sent copies to all in attendance. If there are ministers or others across the state who would like a copy, there are a few available. Write the Conference Office.

Special Guest

On January 8 Mrs. Mary Fiebiger of Grinnell, Iowa, was guest speaker at Sabetha Morning Worship and again following a church dinner. Mrs. Fiebiger, wife of the Superintendent of Iowa, is one of the most forceful speakers in our fellowship.

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Suggested Visual Aids For January-March Quarter

Life Of Christ: Pt. 1-FSS
Pt. 2: Slides
Life Of Christ: Fifty slides by Elsie Anna Woods
What Do We See Of Jesus: Part 2
Palestine In Jesus' Day
Stories Of Jesus: Series (New)
Beginning with **Boyhood Of Jesus** thru **The Upper Room**
Two Thousand Years Ago - Series
Esa, Little Boy Of Nazareth
Jesus And His Disciples
The Boy Who Helped Jesus

Visual Aids To Promote One Great Hour

Wait A Minute - children
Travelin' Man - children
On The Move - Y-A
Exiles In The Holy Land - Y-A
Close Up - Y-A
The Year That Flowered - Y-A
The Waiting Ones - Y-A
Eleventh Hour - Y-A
To Sing Again - J-A

"The Procession"

A new 30 Minute Movie for youth and adults. The best of progressive jazz is the background for this movie on the home study theme "Heritage and Horizons". The music underscores the restlessness, the rootless lack of security illustrated in this on-the-spot documentary of urban life. It provides no neatly packaged solution to the problems it defines, but challenges the church to a new way of life. Presents churchmen who try to communicate the Christian gospel to a neighborhood that won't stand still.

"Heritage & Horizons" Home Theme

New Frontiers Of Faith - M
Basis Of The Blue Print - M
The Hook - FSSC
Who Is A Christian Farmer? FSSC
This Sustaining Bread: FSRC

"Into All The World Together" World Theme

Measure Of A Moment - M
A Gift For My Son - M
The Sending & The Sent - FSRC
The World In A Word - FSRC
Into All The World Together - FSSC
Each With His Own Brush - FSRC
Growing As World Friends: FSSC

All Visual-Aids are available from the Conference Office for payment of postage both ways. Requests **must** be made **one week** in advance.